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Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2003 regarding patent Application No. 09/980,911. Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration of claims 1-3. Please consider the following remarks.

A Request for Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.

Remarks

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Nevitt et al. (US 6,268,961 B1). The Examiner's rejection is overcome by perfecting a claim to priority under 35 U.S.C 119(a)-(d). The present application's foreign priority is to Japanese Application No. 11-162181 with a filing date of June 9, 1999 which antedates Nevitt's filing date of February 4, 2000. Furthermore, Applicant has perfected his claim to priority by enclosing: (1) a certified copy of the priority document; and (2) an English language translation of the same. Applicant further asserts that Claims 1-3 are fully supported by the priority document. As such, it is believed that Claims 1-3 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Nevitt.